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Arrangements for accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session

The Preparatory Committee,

Recalling paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 54/93 of 7 December 1999,

Decides that the arrangements for accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session will be as follows:

(a) Accreditation

The following non-governmental organizations will be invited to participate in the special session:

(i) The non-governmental organizations that are accredited in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 or are accredited to UNICEF;

(ii) The non-governmental organizations invited to the preparatory process of the special session in accordance with relevant decisions of the Preparatory Committee;

(b) Participation

A limited number of non-governmental organizations will address the special session, given availability of time. The non-governmental organizations will select

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spokespersons among themselves and will provide the list thereof to the President of the General Assembly through the Secretariat;

The President of the General Assembly will be invited to select the non-governmental organizations that will address the special session on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental organizations;

(c) These arrangements shall in no way create a precedent for other special sessions.